

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM STANDARDS NOTICE

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**Program:** Drywall Finisher and Plasterer

**To:** SkilledTradesBC Training Providers  
Youth Train in Trades School Districts

**Subject:** **Drywall Finisher and Plasterer Interprovincial Exams aligned to the 2013 NOA will be implemented**

**OPSN No:** OPSN 2026 008

**From:** SkilledTradesBC Program Standards

**Effective Date:** May 5, 2026

**Summary:** In September 2025, SkilledTradesBC sent [OPSN 2025 017](#) announcing the launch of the Drywall Finisher and Plasterer Red Seal program in BC effective April 1, 2026.

Interprovincial (IP) exams aligned to the 2013 **Drywall Finisher and Plasterer** National Occupational Analysis (NOA) will be implemented by SkilledTradesBC as of May 5, 2026.

Please see the next page for the exam breakdown.

There is **no** code book, formula sheet or acronym sheet for this exam.

**IP Table:** The IP table can also be found on the [Drywall Finisher and Plasterer](#) trade page



**Drywall Finisher and Plasterer**  
**Inter-provincial examinations – Tasks and related number of questions**  
**Number of questions on each exam - 100**

*Based on 2013 NOA*

Block	Task	Number of Questions
A - COMMON OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS	Task 1 - Performs safety-related functions	4
	Task 2 - Uses and maintains tools and equipment	4
	Task 3 - Performs common work practices and procedures	7
B - TAPING	Task 4 - Prepares for taping	10
	Task 5 - Tapes wallboard	16
	Task 6 - Finishes wallboard	19
C - TEXTURING	Task 7 - Prepares surfaces for texturing	3
	Task 8 - Textures surfaces	4
D – PLASTERING, SPECIAL COATINGS AND SYSTEMS	Task 9 - Applies veneer plaster systems	5
	Task 10 - Applies special plaster finishes and specialty coatings	4
E - MOULDING	Task 11 - Prepares for installation of mouldings (Not Common Core)	0
	Task 12 - Installs mouldings	5
F – REPAIRS AND RESTORATION	Task 13 - Troubleshoots problems	7
	Task 14 - Repairs surfaces	12
	Task 15 - Restores old mouldings (Not Common Core)	0
		100

**Details:** The Interprovincial Red Seal exam is a summative assessment intended to test an apprentice’s trade knowledge gained through both on-the-job experience and technical training. Exam questions are developed by certified trade worker subject matter experts (SMEs) as well as instructors and are intended to reflect trade practices in Canada. The exams are edited, translated, and peer reviewed by additional SMEs before they are implemented. The exams are developed to test the sub-tasks of the most recent Red Seal Occupational Standard.

The Drywall Finisher and Plasterer 2013 NOA can be [downloaded here](#).

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